

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 392

By Maddox

A RESOLUTION To honor the memory of Dwayne Depew "D.D."
Maddox, Jr. of Huntingdon.

WHEREAS, The members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the death of Dwayne Depew Maddox, Jr., a prominent Huntingdon attorney, a former member of the Tennessee General Assembly and former Assistant U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, D.D. Maddox, Jr. was born October 5, 1932 to Dwayne D. and Maynard Traywick Maddox, and was a member of a distinguished pioneer family of Huntingdon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox graduated from Cumberland Law School in 1957 and was engaged in the practice of law as a prosecutor and as a prominent criminal defense attorney until his retirement in 1998; two of his three sons, Butch and Matthew, were in the practice with him, as was his daughter Jean, who has served as a legal assistant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox's son Web owns and operates the insurance agency founded by Maynard Maddox, Mr. Maddox's mother; and

WHEREAS, D.D. Maddox had served as President of the Carroll County Bar Association from 1965 to 1976, and was a member to the Tennessee Bar Association and American Bar Association, the Tennessee Trial Lawyers Association and the Tennessee Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers; his son Matthew said of him, "His rapport with the jury was outstanding. He knew how to talk to the jury. He was well-noted for his demeanor in the courtroom, how he handled himself."; and

WHEREAS, D.D. Maddox was elected to the House of Representatives for the 81st General Assembly in 1959, representing Carroll County, and then to the Senate of the 83rd General Assembly in 1963, representing Carroll, Benton, Henry and Decatur counties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens as their elected representative in Nashville and in numerous other capacities; he was able to bring his considerable abilities to bear as a member of the General Assembly to serve his constituents, as well as the interests of the state as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, D.D. Maddox enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Clara Dean Wesche Maddox and was the proud parent of three sons and daughters-in-laws: Dwayne D. III, "Butch" and Gena McCord Maddox, Webster P. and Julia Pruitt Maddox, Matthew and Angie Forbess Maddox; and daughter and son-in-law, Jean Maddox Newsome and Tim Newsome; he was the grandfather of ten; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Maddox leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Dwayne Depew "D.D." Maddox, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character, his dedication to serving humanity as an attorney, and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of D.D. Maddox.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.